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(54) Title: PYRAZOLOPYRIMIDINES AS KINASE INHIBITORS

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to inhibitors of the kinases GSK3 OR TIE2, and more particularly to pyrazolopyrimidine compounds useful as kinase inhibitors.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER					
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	<p>WO 01 19829 A (BASF AG ;HIRST GAVIN C (US); RAFFERTY PAUL (US); RITTER KURT (US);) 22 March 2001 (2001-03-22)</p> <p>abstract</p> <p>page 7, paragraph 3 -page 8, paragraph 3</p> <p>page 14 -page 18</p> <p>---</p>	1-20
A	<p>WO 98 14449 A (CIBA GEIGY AG ;TRAXLER PETER (CH); BOLD GUIDO (CH); FREI JOERG (CH) 9 April 1998 (1998-04-09)</p> <p>abstract</p> <p>page 1, paragraph 1</p> <p>page 5, paragraph 4 -page 6, paragraph 2</p> <p>-----</p>	1-20

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 1-13 and 20 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

- a) Dependent claims 16-18 have been drafted as method claims but refer to use claim 14. They have been assumed to read "The use of claim 14 (...)", cf. page 8, lines 25-30.
- b) The expression "serine/threonine kinase" in claims 8 and 15 has been searched as reading "serine/threonine kinase", cf. page 3, line 18 of the description.
- c) The expression "piperadiny1" in claim 4 has been searched as reading "piperidiny1", cf. page 7, line 31 of the description.
- d) The expressions "disease or condition characterized by misregulation of a protein kinase" in claims 1, 14 and dependent claims and the further specifications of the kinase being "a serine/threonine kinase" (claims 8 and 15), "GSK3" (claims 9 and 16), "a tyrosine kinase" (claims 10 and 17), and "TIE2" (claims 11 and 18) lack clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT because it is unclear which specific pathological conditions (diseases) and indications do fall within this mechanistic definition and which do not.
- e) The expression "pharmaceutically acceptable derivatives" in present claims 1, 14 and dependent claims relates to compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely their capability to provide "upon administration to a mammal '...! (directly or indirectly) a compound of the present invention or an active metabolite thereof" (page 11, line 30 to page 12, line 2).

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

- f) Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the use of compounds according to formula (I) in the treatment of a pathological condition (disease) selected from the group consisting of type 2 diabetes, hyperlipidemia, obesity, CNS disorders, neurotraumatic injuries, baldness or hair loss, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, hypertension, polycystic ovary syndrome, ischemia, immunodeficiency and cancer or to provide immune potentiation.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international

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search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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